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BY R. B. BOWKER.

"The end shall crown the work—  
Ah, who shall tell the end!  
It is a woman's way,  
And clouds portend.  
The work is all we know—  
Enough for our faint sight.  
The end God knows. Press on!  
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### CHAPTER XVII.

AFTERWARDS.

Jerry came early to sleep to his pa-  
rents. Father gave his consent readily,  
heartily and with a blessing—he had  
come pretty near in those days, to the re-  
alization of his dreams of Rocky Bend as a  
paradise, and I think I never saw him  
more thoroughly happy. Mother did not  
object, but stipulated that he should wait  
at least a year before our marriage, since  
we were both so young. To this propo-  
sition Jerry the more readily consented on  
account of the tour of Europe which he  
could now promise me, but which busi-  
ness would require him to postpone. Soon  
after this I went with him to the farm, to be  
introduced as his promised bride. Mr.  
Rapee received me with emotion, put his  
arms around me and kissed me.

"I shall be glad to call you daughter,  
Charity."

Mrs. Rapee was less demonstrative  
and, I thought, really colder, but that  
was not surprising, for it was the old-  
time affection for mother that caused her  
husband to receive me so warmly, while  
she had none of this. It was impossible  
for her, too, to forget father's business  
and want of money. I think she liked me  
and would have liked me still more if I  
had come no nearer. But, making the  
best of her son's choice, she took my hand,  
imprinted a soft kiss on my cheek and  
spoke pleasant words of welcome.

Fanny, waiting for no formality, said:  
"I have been expecting you would marry  
my sister and am quite ready to love you as  
such. Jerry, I congratulate you. And  
I hope it is over."

"Over? No, it isn't," said Susy, hasten-  
ing out of the corner where she had re-  
mained unnoticed. "I haven't had any  
ceremony yet, and I'd like to see how  
Chatty will look as my own new cousin."

"So should I!" replied Jerry, and grate-  
fully complied with her request. "Now  
tell me that you like your cousin."

"She knows all about that," Susy said,  
throwing her arms around my neck and  
kissing me again. Then nestling close,  
"Is it nice to be grown up and being to be  
married?"

Jerry answered, "You will know by  
and by, when somebody presents you to  
his friends."

"Oh, Robert won't have to do that.  
There won't be anybody but his mother,  
I guess, and she'll know me by that  
time."

"Robert!" exclaimed Jerry.  
"Susy insists that she is going to marry  
Robert Summerland," said Fanny  
laughing.

"Well, I like him. There isn't any-  
body else in the world that I like so well,  
except our folks. That's settled."

This remark created much merriment,  
and Cousin Rapee told Susy she had  
made a good choice. There would come a  
time when she could be proud to claim  
Robert even as a friend.

What made my face grow suddenly  
red?

I was anxious to keep our engagement  
a secret; Jerry did not care, but rather  
seemed to want to have it known. We  
called upon Nellie and he told her, where-  
upon she became pale as death and, though  
controlling herself well, was not quite the  
same afterwards, and we came away ear-  
lier than we had intended.

"Did Nellie seem really cordial to-night  
Jerry asked when we were in the street.  
"Before you came we used to be the best  
of friends, and she is so true, and likes  
you so much, that I thought she would  
heartily approve of my choice."

"Were you never more than friends?  
Tell me that, Jerry."

"Jealous so soon?" The idea seemed  
to please him. "Of course we were not.  
Neither of us ever thought of anything  
more, and when you came—but I must  
not tell what she said further."

How strange it seemed that I should  
be the one chosen instead of Nellie. If  
Jerry could have been at all influenced  
by pecuniary considerations I should not  
have been, certainly. His motives were  
above mine.

Now, since we had moved, our house  
was only three doors from Mr. Webster's  
and I flattered myself that Nellie and I  
should see each other often. The next  
day the intelligence came that she was  
ill, and glad as I should have been to go  
to her, I dared not. Then it was said  
that she was better, again, not as well,  
that her health had been for some time  
failing, and that she was going a short  
journey, hoping to gain strength there-  
by.

It gave me a guilty feeling—I had  
wronged her—unwittingly, innocently, of  
course. But for me she would have  
been happy. Of that I was sure. But  
was I innocent? In those early days of  
our engagement I had frequently tried to  
be true before the court within, and  
every time the verdict came, "No cause  
of action. The case went up to the Su-  
preme Tribunal, but it was not carried by  
me, poor defendant."

After much hesitation I went to Nel-  
lie and found her looking better than I  
had been led to expect. Evidently she  
did not care much to see me, but thought  
it best, and endeavored to make me be-  
lieve that her illness was of no serious  
nature, only brought on by a little over-  
exertion, and would soon pass away.  
But once in speaking of it, in a moment  
of forgetfulness, she seemed so utterly  
unlike her usual cheerful self that I could  
not help expressing my sympathy.

"I am sorry for you, Nellie!"  
She looked steadfastly into my eyes.  
"You mean more than any one else has  
meant in saying that. You understand  
me, then, and despise me."

"Indeed, I do not despise you. I only  
wish I were as good and true as you are.  
If there is anything that I understand,  
no one else shall know it from me, and  
you have my sympathy. I hope you do  
not blame me."

"No," speaking slowly and looking  
grateful. "But I despise myself for this  
and shall soon live it down. I ought not  
to have been so weak."

The subject was dropped there, never  
again to be alluded to between us. I be-  
tray no confidence of Nellie's in writing  
this now.

The matter of our engagement was  
pretty well canvassed in the village gos-  
sip. I hardly dared to see Mrs. Sum-  
merland at all, did not go to her house,  
but sent her messages and little gifts in-  
stead, and was usually preoccupied and  
hurried when we chanced to meet. That,  
however, was not often. She alone of  
our old neighbors made no comment that  
reached my ears. One of them said "She's  
the proudest girl that ever set foot upon  
the ground, and a prouder family we  
never'll find." Another remarked in a  
thin, high-keyed voice, "Looks pretty  
high, don't she? hm hm m m." The  
third responded, "Gneiss, and some folks  
could manage; for her part she couldn't  
see how."

That young Rapee never  
looked at Lizzy, but she could not see  
why she wasn't every bit as pretty and  
well behaved as that Charity Boston,  
and "I am sure we are worth  
as much as her folks. I never had  
my presents. It's all managin', I tell  
him."

Mrs. Beach said she never thought  
that would go, but didn't know as it was  
anybody's business but our own if it did.  
She didn't want Jerry, or shouldn't if she  
were single.

Robert wrote from New York to  
Henry and Tommy, who were very proud  
of their letter and commenced answering  
it immediately. Tommy read me his  
part of the reply, and among other things

"That is going to be married to Jer-  
Rapee. He comes here pretty often and  
is real good to a fellow. Has lots of can-  
dy and nuts and so forth. It will be aw-  
fully jolly to have him for a brother."

I asked Tommy to please omit this  
item, but as he stubbornly refused, I  
said, Why should the man not know? It  
is better that the information should  
reach him early, and put an end to his  
folly at once. So the letter went without  
such alteration.

Mary Monte, my ardent friend whose  
influence reached me chiefly through  
rapidly written epistles, coming forth-  
rightly, made an awkward attempt at con-  
gratulation which was supplemented by the  
admission that the news of my engage-  
ment had made her down sick for two  
days. I very well knew that she and  
Jerry! did not become much better friends  
by seeing each other often, but it was  
probably more the fact that she could  
not keep me as I was, than dislike to  
him that made her grieve. In the same  
letter came the startling intelligence that  
she was to become a physician. This  
was her father's profession; and her love for  
his studies pleased him, and he had taken  
delight in instructing her; but the de-  
termination to become a practitioner was  
new. She would attend lectures in the  
fall.

Was it not absurd, I questioned, for  
her who would cry herself sick over such  
a change in my circumstances, to think of  
acquiring the fortune essential to the  
successful performance of difficult and  
painful operations? She had by nature  
such a fear of death as to be able to take  
no comfort in a room where a dead body  
had lain, if she knew it, but was prepar-  
ing to fight death, and go with her pa-  
tients down to its very jaws, seeking to  
save them. This apparent contradiction  
I could not understand.

It did not appear that she had any  
special belief in phrenology, but she had  
just had her head examined again, and  
her character written out. Her fondness  
for thus seeing herself portrayed was like  
her fondness for looking in a mirror which  
was indulged not so much because it  
was her own face she saw, as because it  
was a pleasant face met hers, and she liked  
to look into the pleasant faces. One who  
had read aloud to her some fine produc-  
tion of the pen could understand why  
she should like to look at herself. Sit-  
ting at the feet of the reader, she would  
gaze up into her face with an intensity  
of interest and pleasure which rarely  
seen in faces, the eyes lighted with a  
beauty indescribable. She was not vain,  
but perfectly frank and sincere, I believe

"I grow impatient of our human nature  
in this, that if one frankly owns to such  
a fondness for himself as all of us have,  
but most of us try to conceal, he is at once  
branded as vain and conceited. Why  
may not one speak the truth to himself  
and of himself as he finds it?"

I had always to thank Mary over in  
this manner to understand her. It was the  
intensity and largeness of her love, or  
fear, or purpose, rarely allowing her to  
be moved by more than one of these in  
the same time, that wrought the seeming  
contradictions. She could not tolerate a  
sham in herself—whatever she professed  
to be she was through and through.

But there is one thing I cannot find  
out by thinking and that is how some of  
us get so much more love than we de-  
serve, and others so much less.

What with our moving and my pupils  
—my class had been steadily increasing  
—and the preparations going on at the  
farm, in which I was often consulted and  
implored to aid, it was a very busy spring.  
It was an ambition with Fanny and her  
mother to make the wedding as brilliant  
as possible. Indeed they seemed to re-  
gard success on such an occasion as es-  
sential to her happiness afterwards. They  
did not fail in their efforts, the affair was  
the most nearly dazzling of anything  
Rocky Bend had ever witnessed. All the  
village knew that something unusual  
was coming, and were on the qui vive for  
every item concerning the ceremony, the  
number of attendants, the material and  
make of the dress, how far it would trail,  
the actual cost of the veil in New York,  
and whether the Raplees had really been  
to the expense of buying flowers for the  
occasion. It could not be concealed that  
the organization had made special preparation,  
that the church had been decorated, and  
that considerable time had been spent in  
rehearsals.

Nellie, in much better health, return-  
ed on purpose to be present and was  
among the attendants as were also Alick  
and Grace, Jerry and myself. The bride  
and her maids wore white, Fanny's a  
most elegant silk with rich lace, veil and  
orange blossoms, all in exquisite taste—  
her taste which rarely errs. As a bride  
she was beautiful. We found the church  
densely crowded; through the aisle we  
walked upon flowers; Mr. Rapee gave  
his daughter away, and Mr. Kingsley  
performed the ceremony as only a father  
could do that for his child. All excited  
and animated though I was, this part the  
only real part of the whole, seemed al-  
most sad, and a half shudder passed over  
me to think how soon I should stand  
where Fanny stood and take upon my-  
self like vows.

From the church we went to the farm  
where a large company of friends gathered  
in brilliantly lighted, flower-perfumed  
rooms to salute the newly wedded, and  
do all they could by sincerely expressed  
good wishes to give them a stock of hap-  
piness large enough to last through life.  
They also brought that which could be  
seen and used in after time when the  
wishes would seem to have perished. Our  
Father knows which will endure longer  
—our silver or our prayers.

In all that company I saw no face  
which attracted me more than Nellie's.  
She was calm, peaceful face like that  
of the landscape when the storm is gone  
and the sun shines again, fearful but at rest.  
If her nature had the depth for which I

over I found myself often looking  
at her to see what it was she had gained.  
Not that my mood was meditative—I  
was interested with all around me, and  
Nellie's face seemed to make me sober for  
the time being, but on turning away the  
bright delirium came again. It gratified  
my pride to think of being so nearly a  
part of this elegance, to know that how  
it added to the height of my position in  
the minds of those who beheld it, and that  
by and by it would be mine to command.

I found myself much sought, was several  
times called to the piano and Jerry's eyes  
followed me in a way that indicated pride  
and pleasure. His father coming to my  
side, said:

"You seem very happy to-night."  
"How can I help it when all is so  
beautiful and everybody is so kind?"

"Are you going to do like this when  
you are married? Or will you have a  
quiet wedding?"

"We can have nothing like this—it  
would cost too much, and I am afraid I  
should be so selfish as not to want a crowd  
about me then."

"Would it be selfish?"

"I am afraid it would since so many  
people are made happy in this way. And  
there would be other tastes to consult be-  
sides my own. You would all like some-  
thing like this—I am so sorry we can not  
have it."

"Don't trouble yourself on that account  
it will be all right. I would prefer the  
quieter wedding, but it would be selfish  
I suppose, to say that my way is best.  
Our selfishness rarely reveals itself more  
glaringly than in the assertion of tastes  
and opinions."

Not the house alone was illuminated  
at these festivities. In the sky hung the  
round moon as bright as though God  
had just lighted it for us, as, indeed, I  
think he had, as he continues to light it  
day by day and night by night from the  
flame sent forth by the great sun, not  
once forgetting one whom it will comfort  
and bless. The air too, had been wait-  
ing for still it was balmy, and there was  
music under the trees. How everything  
conspired to make this wedded life bright  
at its beginning!

"It is just the right time of year," Jerry  
said when we were going home. "We  
will have our first of June. It will  
be a long time to wait, but it will pass  
quickly since we can see each other of-  
ten."

Alick had come home to attend the  
wedding, and it was at this time that he  
and Grace became formally engaged, al-  
though their relations were so well un-  
derstood before that this seemed hardly  
necessary.

Dear little Grace! how I loved her!  
how everybody loved her! She had so  
large a place in brother's heart as almost  
to make me jealous, and mother hoped  
much for Alick through her influence. I  
wished I could have fallen as easily and  
naturally into the place destined for me,  
or given my all to another as fully as she  
gave, instead of having to wait so long to  
tell whether I loved or not, and then to  
promise before I really knew. But this  
doubt was gradually disappearing from  
my mind. It could not be that I was in  
a false position.

Alick did not return immediately, and  
after a few days we four made a visit at  
the farm. The weather was not unlike  
that of another June day when Susy and  
I rode after the oxen to the woods, and

she was eager to go again, while I had  
been especially anxious to go with Jerry.  
He was quite willing to take us there,  
but said he couldn't understand the charm.

"He thinks we are deceived by his  
words, not knowing that we have already  
learned how he loves the place,"  
thought I.

We drove to the wood in an open wa-  
gon. Arrived at the parting of the ways  
Jerry was going to follow the road as of  
old, asserting that so we should find the  
driest and pleasantest places, as he  
insisted, he having given up, as he  
said, to be led by me, we turned to the  
creek, finding it laughing as heartily as  
ever in emerging from the shade, and the  
old tree still holding out its finger in a  
vain attempt to check the stream's mer-  
riment. Along the winding bank through  
tangled bushes, and fragrant ferns, and  
over logs we made our way to the place  
we sought, the great rock which might  
have been the throne of a sylvan king.  
It was covered as thickly with moss as  
before, and the seat still stood upon it,  
appropriated now by the invisible agencies  
that people everything in the forest with  
lower forms of life. There was no ap-  
pearance of the approach of man or beast  
since the spring awakening. Ferns grew  
tall and thick in the place of ascent, and  
the stump on the other side seemed even  
more heavily draped with vine than it  
was, and looked as I had seen pictures of  
fausts where kings kneel to be crowned.

A beautiful thought came to me, I  
would crown Jerry there and lead him to  
the throne.

"I wonder who put that seat up there,"  
he said carelessly.

"Who could have done it but yourself  
I returned. "You are trying to tease me!"  
"No! No!—how came you to think  
that I was never here in my life except  
when out hunting. I don't see what the  
use of it is now."

I could not crown Jerry. He was no  
king of that place. It was to be my  
trial to be asked the use of things whose  
ministry is not to supply any need that  
will cease to be, but to lead us out of our  
selves towards God. Jerry and I could  
never talk together with the trees.

But one could not have everything,  
and he brought me much that I craved.  
He loved me sincerely, as was proved by  
all he did, and said, and looked—he  
would make me so comfortable through life  
that I would never leave him! How lonely I  
was if by any means he was prevented  
from coming as often as usual! how dark  
the world would have been without him!

It was childish in me to be so disap-  
pointed. But I found myself often looking  
at her to see what it was she had gained.

Not that my mood was meditative—I  
was interested with all around me, and  
Nellie's face seemed to make me sober for  
the time being, but on turning away the  
bright delirium came again. It gratified  
my pride to think of being so nearly a  
part of this elegance, to know that how  
it added to the height of my position in  
the minds of those who beheld it, and that  
by and by it would be mine to command.

I found myself much sought, was several  
times called to the piano and Jerry's eyes  
followed me in a way that indicated pride  
and pleasure. His father coming to my  
side, said:

"You seem very happy to-night."  
"How can I help it when all is so  
beautiful and everybody is so kind?"

"Are you going to do like this when  
you are married? Or will you have a  
quiet wedding?"

"We can have nothing like this—it  
would cost too much, and I am afraid I  
should be so selfish as not to want a crowd  
about me then."

"Would it be selfish?"

"I am afraid it would since so many  
people are made happy in this way. And  
there would be other tastes to consult be-  
sides my own. You would all like some-  
thing like this—I am so sorry we can not  
have it."

"Don't trouble yourself on that account  
it will be all right. I would prefer the  
quieter wedding, but it would be selfish  
I suppose, to say that my way is best.  
Our selfishness rarely reveals itself more  
glaringly than in the assertion of tastes  
and opinions."

Not the house alone was illuminated  
at these festivities. In the sky hung the  
round moon as bright as though God  
had just lighted it for us, as, indeed, I  
think he had, as he continues to light it  
day by day and night by night from the  
flame sent forth by the great sun, not  
once forgetting one whom it will comfort  
and bless. The air too, had been wait-  
ing for still it was balmy, and there was  
music under the trees. How everything  
conspired to make this wedded life bright  
at its beginning!

"It is just the right time of year," Jerry  
said when we were going home. "We  
will have our first of June. It will  
be a long time to wait, but it will pass  
quickly since we can see each other of-  
ten."

Alick had come home to attend the  
wedding, and it was at this time that he  
and Grace became formally engaged, al-  
though their relations were so well un-  
derstood before that this seemed hardly  
necessary.

Dear little Grace! how I loved her!  
how everybody loved her! She had so  
large a place in brother's heart as almost  
to make me jealous, and mother hoped  
much for Alick through her influence. I  
wished I could have fallen as easily and  
naturally into the place destined for me,  
or given my all to another as fully as she  
gave, instead of having to wait so long to  
tell whether I loved or not, and then to  
promise before I really knew. But this  
doubt was gradually disappearing from  
my mind. It could not be that I was in  
a false position.</







**Universalist Entertainment.**  
We were unable to attend the first part of the entertainment given in the Universalist church, on Thursday evening last, but learn that it was a success, the programme being fully carried out and pleasing to the audience. But we had some of the sugar, which was very nice, and enjoyed by a large number of people. The basement is well arranged for such gatherings, and being tastefully trimmed with evergreens and thronged with smiling faces, was very pleasant. We think the society must have realized a goodly sum from the entertainment.

**Election of Officers.**  
Last Friday evening, the members of the Amateur Debating Society met for the purpose of electing new officers for the ensuing term. The following officers were elected:  
President—John Severance.  
Vice-President—E. J. Stone.  
Secretary—Gertrude R. Stone.  
Treasurer—George Severance.  
Editor—J. O. Ballard.  
Editors—Lizzie Cowles.  
The exercises were good. Miss Lizzie Cowles read a piece entitled "Rock Me to Sleep," and Miss Gertrude R. Stone read an essay entitled "Sympathy," both of which were listened to with much interest, as was also the paper by Miss Minnie G. Stone. The subject for debate next Friday evening is—  
Resolved—That Commerce is more beneficial to a nation than Agriculture.  
It is hoped that there will be a large attendance. Such a society needs and deserves encouragement.

**Notaries Public.**  
The following is a list of the Notaries public appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, for this county:  
Oswego—Alonso H. Failing, C. Fred Whitney, W. G. Robinson, Robert H. Martin, David Manning, Henry L. Davis, Charles Parker, Sardis Allen, J. Shepard Fitch, George N. Burt, William V. Scribner, James Dowdle, Orson H. Brown, Joseph B. Lathrop, Theodore Houston, David P. Fairchild, Wm. H. Herriek, T. S. Brigham, Newton W. Nutting, Wm. H. Fitch.  
Fulton—Wm. J. Townsend, S. Newell Dada, Wm. C. Stephens, George Kellogg, Henry C. Howe, Amos Youmans, Emory S. Pardee.  
Mexico—M. Bradbury, L. D. Loomis, Luke D. Smith, Benjamin E. Bowen, West Monroe—Daniel L. Sweet.  
Granby—Almon W. Cheaney.  
Bowen's Corners—Isaac W. Marsh.  
Parish—Harvey Parker.  
Hannibal—W. Burt, D. J. Van Anken.  
New Haven—Henry J. Daggett, Avery W. Severance.  
Sandy Creek—Danforth E. Ainsworth.  
Lacombe—Gilbert N. Harding.  
Cleveland—Frederick W. Miles.  
Cleveland—James R. Jones.  
Sand Bank—Aaron Fuller.  
Hastings—Chamney D. Smith.  
Central Square—James H. Wood, Benjamin J. Lewis.  
Union Square—Avery Skinner.  
Phoenix—Edmund Mervy, Charles W. Avery, Frank David.  
Himmanville—John C. Fuller.  
Richland—H. Henry Mellon.  
Pulaski—Benjamin Snow, Nathan B. Smith.  
Molino—Daniel S. Pratt.

**Real Estate Sales.**  
John Wolcott and Sarah Wolcott, to James A. Bentley, 25 acres in Albion, \$240; March, 1873.  
C. Monroe Armstrong and J. C. Thorp to John Wolcott and Sarah Wolcott, 25 acres in Albion, \$400; April, 1871.  
Sally Parker, Laura Parker, and Horace G. Parker, heirs at law of Potter Parker, deceased, and William M. Skinner and William E. Ingall, to Andrew Gilbert, 147½ acres in Volney, \$3,660; December, 1850.  
Angeline Voodre to Julia E. Pettin-gill, 83-100 acre in Richland, \$400; March, 1873.  
Silas Davis, Lois Davis, Chamney Davis, and Samuel W. Cole to Phineas Davis, 63½ acres in Mexico, \$1,000; October, 1853.

**OFFICERS OF THE MIDLAND R.R. COMPANY.**  
At a meeting of the directors of the Midland Railroad company, at Oswego, on the 27th ult., the following officers were elected:  
President, D. C. Littlejohn; Vice-President, D. C. Littlejohn; Treasurer, John R. Clarke; Secretary, Theodore Houston; Chief Engineer, H. B. Gilbert; Attorney, David T. Follett.  
Executive Committee—D. C. Littlejohn, Delos E. Culver, A. T. Rand, John R. Clarke, Cheney Ames, H. R. Low, Josiah Macy, Jr.  
Finance Committee—D. C. Littlejohn, A. H. Hewitt, B. Schlesinger, Henry Whelan, H. R. Low.

**KEELER'S SANITY.**—A reporter of the Troy Press, who knew Albert Keeler, murderer of Ida Spencer, intimately, says he was not of a revengeful disposition, but thinks he was insane. He tells this story:  
"One day, when he, with some of his fellows, was standing on the dock, under the long bridge, he fell into the river. He went down and passed under three barges, one ahead of the other, and then came to the surface, climbed up on the dock, and went home. When he appeared at the door his eyes were large and glaring. He could give no account of himself. Finally, after medical treatment, he returned to consciousness, but said he never knew what became of him after he fell into the water. But still he walked home without speaking a word, and unassisted. From that time he appeared to be listless and not possessed of his ordinary mind, and from this it is plausible to assume that he was not in his right mind when he committed the murderous deed laid to his charge."

**COMPLIMENTARY.**—A very exciting controversy is going on between the State officers belonging to the Canal Board respecting the cost of keeping the canals in repair by the Canal Commissioners. In a very lengthy communication on the subject, published in the Tribune, State Treasurer Raines speaks of Auditor Dayton as being "able, cautious and incorruptible," and recommends that he be added to the contracting board with a view of lessening the expenditures on the canals in the future.

**Call at J. C. Taylor's Drug Store,** Mexico, N.Y., and get a sample bottle of Dr. A. Boschee's Gorman Syrup. It has lately been introduced in this country from Germany, and for any person suffering with a severe cough, heavy cold settled on the breast, consumption, or any disease of the throat and lungs, it has no equal in the world. Our regular size bottles 75 cents. Two doses will relieve any case. Try it. C. W. SNOW & CO., Wholesale Agents, Syracuse, N. Y.

**Ballard's** is the best place to buy your butter and cheese, for you save returning on account of poor quality. 191f  
To FARMERS AND OTHERS.—Will be found at Toronto Mills.  
Seed Wheat,  
" Oats,  
" Peas,  
" Barley,  
" Buckwheat,  
In large or small quantities.  
A. C. THOMAS.

**The Dancing Mania in the Church.**  
No one can read the Bible without seeing that the Church and the world are marked off with well-defined distinctness; yet no one can look outside of the Bible without seeing that this well-defined distinctness is lost. The world is entering the Church, and the Church is entering the world; and so the religion of the Son of God has become an exceedingly elastic and accommodating form of life. That the world should love dancing, as well as a great many other things of a kindred nature, is quite in harmony with its spirit. In fact, dancing may be called the world's great amusement, which for ages it has trained and practiced; and the best that can be said in its favor is, that "it is a very polite way of serving Satan." The world, viewed as the opposing power of God and Christianity, has certain claimed rights of its own. These claimed rights are card-playing, horse-racing, circus-going, attendance at balls and theatres, wine-drinking, and a Sabbath that is quite free and easy. The Church has different rights; quite different; just as different as light is from darkness. The rights of the Church are communion with God; constant preparation for eternity; faith, hope and love; self-control; inflexible attachment to duty; separation from the world; making religion the chief thing; a holy Sabbath. Says Albert Barnes, speaking to professing Christians: "You are not to regulate your feelings and views, your apparel and manner of living; your conversation and deportment, with a view of leading the world in their own ways of vanity, pleasure and ambition. You are not to seek to be distinguished in the manner in which they seek to be distinguished, and for which alone they live. The people of the world are tending to a different destiny from the Christian. It matters little in what way they go, whether through the ball-room, the theatre, or any other scene of vice and sin, and they are going to their own home; and it is a sad procession, however gay or gorgeous, when a Christian moves at the head of the thoughtless throng that is speeding down to hell. Glad would they be that every Christian should be like themselves. But well do they know that religion demands a difference, a great difference, and well do they understand that this difference should be manifest in the life. And never do they utter sentiments more worthy of the attention of Christians than when they denounce us as fools or hypocrites for conformity to the world's senseless and vain opinions about the scenes of gayety and ambition,—about the theatre, and the ball-room, and the trifles by which they contrive to amuse themselves in the brief summer sun in which they are now moving to a world of woe. Christians have a better inheritance; and much and well do the men of this world marvel that they find their pleasure in their scenes of gayety and folly."

**LITERARY NOTICES.**  
FOURTEEN WEEKS IN HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY—is the name of a new work designed as a text book for schools, which we have just received from the author, Prof. J. D. Steele, formerly principal of our Academy. This is one of the series of "Fourteen Weeks in the Sciences" of which Prof. Steele is the author, and which has been so largely adopted in academies throughout the country. We believe this volume in Physiology meets a want that has long been felt by teachers—it is both scientific and practical, but does not burden the memory of the learner unnecessarily with hard names. It is also sufficiently condensed to allow pupils to gain the knowledge it contains in an ordinary term. Prof. Steele, as a teacher, has doubtless learned the necessity of such a series of text books, and has done great service both to teachers and pupils in furnishing it. The New York Observer says: "The 'Hints' in the appendix are worth the price of the volume, and if generally known would save life and prevent much suffering."

**THE LADY'S FRIEND.**—The leading engraving in this excellent number of this excellent magazine is a fine picture, called "Watchman what the Night!" This is one of those pictures, out of the usual hackneyed style, that we so often find in this Monthly. Then there is "The Alpine Shepherdess," and the usual number of engravings, illustrating the "Fashions." The music this month is "Kiss and Never Tell," which certainly contains an excellent moral, if nothing else. Among the literary contents are "Canned Peaches," "Una and her Prince," "A Bachelor's Soliloquy," "Dorothey," "The Master of Greylays," "Fashion Department; Work Table Varieties," etc. Price \$2.00 a year or \$2.50 with the Premium Chromo "Little Samuel." Published by Deacon & Peterson, 319 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

**THE ALDINE**—for April is beautiful as ever. Among the largest and finest of the illustrations are The Strange Door; Tower Creek, Below the Falls; Death Warrant of Mary Stewart; A Catskill Brook; A Rare Chance; and the views of the Yellowstone region. The typography is as usual, of the highest order, and the illustrations well adapted to the volume with that of the leading magazines. The Aldine, with two fine chromos, the Village Bell and Crossing the Moor, is furnished at five dollars, a low figure considering its excellence and beauty. James Sutton & Co., Publishers, 85 Maiden Lane, New York.

**THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER**—a magazine of great value to all engaged in the Sunday-school, has the following table of contents for April: Vague Views; The Records of Creation; The Unbelieving Teacher; Respect for Youth; Sunday Afternoon Stories; Little Dora—A Story for Teachers; The Teacher's Sufficiency; Joseph—The Upright Man; Carry a Pleasant Face; List of the Lessons for the Quarter; Hints for Infant Class Teaching; Blackboard Lessons; Editorial Miscellaneous.  
**PETERS' MUSICAL MONTHLY**—for April price 30 cents, contains twelve pieces of choice New Music, which are also printed in sheet form from the same plates, and sell for \$3.50. You can secure the music by sending the Publisher 30 cents for the April number of Peters' Musical Monthly, or the last four numbers will be sent for \$1. Address, J. L. Peters, 599 Broadway New York.

**THE LITTLE FOLKS**—for April with two attractive and instructive pages for each Sunday, finely adapted to the class of readers indicated by its name, has also 100 quarts dry measure. It may be for the interest of the producer to know this.  
—One of the editors of a certain paper which shall be nameless, after beginning to learn the printing business, went to court a preacher's daughter. The next time he attended meeting he was taken down at hearing the minister announce as his text: "My daughter is grievously tormented with a devil."

**"Pain-Killer."**  
There can be no necessity at this late day, for the press to speak in commendatory terms of this remarkable medicine, in order to promote its sale; for it is a medicine that is known and appreciated the world wide through. Whenever we speak of the Pain-Killer, as in the present instance, we do so in behalf of the afflicted rather than with the view of advancing the interests of its proprietors. For various diseases, such as rheumatism, cholera, cholera-morbus, burns, sprains, bruises, and so on, to the end of the catalogue, we are convinced that the catalogue we have given is free to all, and remedy before the people equal to Davis' Vegetable "Pain-Killer," and we know that thousands upon thousands entertain the same belief. Certainly, we cannot refer to the history of any medicine which equals that of the Pain-Killer. It was introduced in 1840, and from that time to this its sale, both at home and abroad, has constantly and rapidly increased and we rejoice at the high reputation it has achieved, because this reputation shows that it has been the means of relieving suffering, and so doing good.

**THE "HOUSEKEEPER" OF OUR HEALTH.**  
The liver is the great depurating or blood cleansing organ of the system. Set the liver to work, and the blood is purified at work, and the foul corruptions which gather in the blood and rot out, as it were, the machinery of life, are gradually expelled from the system. For this purpose Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is pre-eminently the article needed. It cures every kind of humor from the worst scrofula to the common pimple, blotch or eruption. Great eating and drinking, and the Christian consciousness of all concerned might be elevated to a high pitch of ecstatic gladness. It will be expected, of course, that the minister attending the dancing-schools should attend the dancing-schools. The minister himself will be there, and also his wife; and if it is their misfortune not to know the moving art, they can quite easily learn. At the end of the year there might be a grand church ball, at which time there might be a number of holy fiddlers, with the minister to lead in prayer. Certainly, if dancing is right, this is the way to give it character; this is the way to conduct it. I am quite sure, however, that it will not be conducted in this way; and because it is not, the evidence is plain that it is contrary to Christianity. It would be just as reasonable to have religious horse-racing and religious card-playing, as to have the dancing of the type character.

**Now is your time to purchase.**—The undersigned, wishing to make room for butter and eggs, etc., will sell, cheap, 200 barrels of Pork, six tons of Hams, and about 7000 lbs. of Lard.  
Also must be sold about \$2000 worth of Essex County Grass and Clover Seed. Cash or good notes accepted.  
W. O. JOHNSON.  
Genuine old government Java Coffee at Ballard's. 19

**BRIEFS.**  
—Small congregations again last Sunday on account of the storm.  
—Dr. Dayton's family are spending some time in Albany.  
—R. L. Alfred moved into Mr. Thomas' new store on Tuesday.  
—The March lion has gone. He was anything but tame towards the last.  
—Plenty of snow left to eat maple sugar on.  
—The storm of Saturday and Sunday was quite general.  
—T. W. Skinner has sold his house on Main street, to Mrs. Clothier.  
—Rev. G. A. Ames has accepted a call to become pastor of the Baptist church in Pulaski.  
—De Wolf Hose, No. 7, of Oswego, will take a trip this summer to Auburn, Oswego and Ithaca.  
—Sunday, a lad aged 15, son of Augustus Mayover, was drowned at Phoenix. His body was recovered some 600 feet down the river.  
—The weather-wise prophecy this to be a great fruit year. They say when March snow clings to the trees, the sign never fails.  
—The Sandy Creek News has never known as much sickness in that community as now. The "epizootic" is the principal complaint.  
—The Montreal Telegraph Co. have established an office at Virgil's, which will be a great convenience to our citizens.  
—The Congregational Society of Sandy Creek has secured the services of Rev. J. N. Hicks as pastor. He begins his labors next Sabbath.  
—Edward Williams has sold his land and blind factory, on Mill St., to N. D. Hart, of Madison county. Immediate possession given.  
—Ira Biddlecomb has sold the Empire Hotel to Joseph Vickerman, of Ithaca, for \$12,000. Possession given the first of April.  
—The latest improvement is a looking-glass suspended in front of the drivers of street cars, enabling them to detect those who attempt to dead-head on the road.  
—A petition is in circulation for a daily mail between this place and Fulton. Such an arrangement would be a great accommodation to our citizens.  
—An ungrateful son—a brute—residing in this city, recently turned his mother out of doors. She is 86 years of age.—Waterloo Times.  
—The citizens of Fulton held a mass meeting on Monday evening to advise with each other as to what course should be taken in view of the increase of intemperance in that village.  
—Our village was all life and bustle on the first day of April. There was a good deal of paying and receiving money, and a good many tricks were played; some on us, but we didn't get a darning letter.  
—Rev. A. Parke Burgess writes us that by direction of the N. Y. State Temperance Society, of which he has recently become a member, he is holding a series of County Temperance Conventions as soon as arrangements can be matured.  
—For the benefit of those whom the storm kept away from church on Sunday last, we announce that the Sunday-school lesson for next Sabbath, in the Presbyterian church, will be the one appointed for the day—Genesis 32, 24-30.

**TWO HOUSES FOR SALE IN MEXICO.**  
The undersigned subscriber offers for sale 2 houses and lots in Mexico Village, one on Main St. with a new house and two acres of land. Also one on Railroad St. with house and ½ acre of land. Will be sold on advantageous terms. A part of the purchase money secured by Bond and Mortgage may remain on the property. It will not be rented on or about April 1, 1873. For further particulars enquire of George G. French, in said village, or address  
Locke, Cayuga County, N. Y.

**GOOD SLEIGHS FOR SALE.**—Francis Villard has good sleighs for sale. He will give time on approved notes or take wood or lumber in exchange. Mexico, Dec 5, 1872.  
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT.**—Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Matthews desire to return thanks to the Harshorn Brothers and the choir at Union Square for their attendance and singing at the funeral of Mr. Clark, on Tuesday.  
**SALE.**  
The following are the terms for coal:  
GRATE, ..... \$3.25  
EGG, ..... 8.50  
STOVE, ..... 8.75  
CHESTNUT, ..... 8.50  
CHAIRCOAL, (per bushel), ..... 20  
All coal must be paid for when delivered.  
W. PENFIELD.  
**AT COST.**—In order to make room for other goods, I shall close out my entire stock of Boots and Shoes at cost, and no hunching.  
E. H. WADSWORTH,  
14 Empire Block, Mexico.

**CHRIST CHURCH (Universalist).**—Regular services every Sunday, at 2 o'clock p. m. All are invited. Seats free. Rev. James Vincent, Pastor.  
**FARM FOR SALE.**  
The undersigned wishing to change their business offer their farm for sale. It contains 30 acres, 1 mile from Parish Depot, on S. N. R. R. Well fenced, and well watered. 5 years time will be given on one half.  
C. F. BORT & CO.  
Parish, Jan. 27, 1873.  
**For Sale or to Rent.**  
The undersigned offers for sale or to rent his house and lot on Spring St., Mexico. The house has been built but one year, is very convenient, has a good cellar, and an abundant supply of excellent water. The above property can be purchased on easy terms.  
FRANCIS VILLARD, JR.  
Mexico, March 18, 1873. 3w

**1873. HARDWARE 1873.**  
Farmers, Mechanics and Builders will find at  
**J. A. Rickard's**  
HARDWARE STORE  
A good assortment of  
Mechanics' Tools, Door Trimmings, Blind Trimmings, Locks and Hinges, Bolts and Screws, Knobs and Catches, Pocket and Table Cutlery, Bells and Door Hinges, Spades, Shovels, Scoops and Forks.  
**CLOTHES WRINGERS,**  
Pumps and Lead Pipes, Stoves, Copper and Sheet Iron, Rave Troughs, Roofing, Fences and Mill Cans.  
All kinds of Job Work done on short notice, also,  
**Glover and Timothy Seed**  
Which I will sell cheap for Cash.  
Remember the place, S. A. Tuller's old stand, corner of Main and South Jefferson St., Mexico, N. Y. 10f

**GOOD WORDS FOR THE PAIN-KILLER.**  
We can confidently recommend the Pain-Killer.—Toronto Patriot.  
It is the most effective remedy we know of for Aches, Pains, flesh wounds, &c.—St. John's News, P. Q.  
We advise that every family should have an effective and speedy Pain-Killer.—Advertiser, N. S. Gazette.  
Our own experience is that a bottle of Pain-Killer is the best Physician a traveller can have.—Hudson Spectator.  
For both internal and external application have found it of great value.—Chas. Erie.  
A medicine no family should be without.—Montreal Press.  
Could hardly keep house without.—Ed. Voice.  
Should be kept in every home, in readiness for sudden attacks of sickness.—Chris. Press.  
No article ever obtained such unbounded popularity.—Salem Observer.  
One of the most reliable specifics of the age.—Old North State.  
Its power is wonderful and unequalled in relieving the most severe pain.—Burlington Scimitar.  
An indispensable article in the medicine chest.—N. Y. Register.  
It will recommend itself to all who use it.—Georgia Enterprise.  
Is extensively used and sought after as a really useful medicine.—Journal, St. John, N. B.  
No medicine has acquired such a reputation; it has well merited.—Vancouver Daily News.  
One of the most useful medicines; have used it and dispensed it for the past twenty years.—Rev. W. Ward, Ontario.  
The most valuable medicine now in use.—Tean. Organ.  
It is really a valuable medicine, and used by many physicians.—Boston Traveler.  
We always keep it where we can put our hands on it in the dark, if need be.—Rev. C. Hibbard, Bermuda.

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**NEW FIRM.**—It will be seen by an advertisement in another column that Messrs. Hart & Hubbard have purchased Mr. E. Williams' sash and blind factory, and that they intend to do all kinds of work in their line of business at very reasonable prices.  
**THE DAILY GRAPHIC.**—We have received a copy of this new New York illustrated daily, which is deservedly meeting with large success. Its illustrations are good considering the brief time in which they must be prepared, and do not lack in spirit. Its matter is of a light tone, and its general character somewhat different from the old dailies. We hope the experiment will prove a success. Price five cents per copy.

**SPLENDID HEARSE.**  
Keeps constantly on hand everything that is usually kept in first-class ware room from a 25 cent bracket to the richest Bedroom or Parlor Set. Also  
**COFFINS**  
AND  
**CASKETS,**  
Shrouds and everything kept by the Undertaker.  
He has just purchased a

**A Proclamation!**  
To Whom it may Concern:  
I, the undersigned, do hereby make known to all men, this, my Proclamation:  
First.—Know ye, that on and after this date I shall sell at my stand, No. 1, EMPIRE BLOCK,  
**CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES,**  
and A. 1.,  
**BOOTS and SHOES,**  
As low as the market will warrant. "Which, the same, I will warrant to be as cheap as they can be sold."  
Second.—I shall  
**COMBINATIONS, CLIQUES and CORNERS.**  
NEVER be **GUilty**  
of selling any one article below its market value for the purpose of making a  
**LEAD,**  
thereby  
**MISLEADING**  
my customers, and then defrauding them of the amount thus lost by an overcharge on articles with whose value they are less familiar.  
Fourth.—Each and every one of my customers may depend on the same usage which his neighbor receives. I have no favorites as to prices.  
Fifth.—Full weights and exact measures. Our scales always correct, are among our mottoes. All who will come may come and be convinced of the truth of the above.  
Given under my hand at the City of Mexico this 7th day of November, A. D., 1873, and of the Independence of the U. S. the ninety-seventh.  
E. H. WADSWORTH.

**MORTGAGE SALE.**—Whereas, Marinda W. Lawrence, of the town of Richland, in the county of Oswego, and State of New York, by her certain indenture of mortgage, bearing date the 14th day of February, 1870, did convey unto said mortgagor, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy (Feb. 14, 1870), made to secure the payment of the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars and interest thereon, did mortgage and convey unto Asaph C. Brown, of the county of Oswego, and State of New York, "All that tract or parcel of land situated in the town of Richland, county of Oswego, and State of New York, and known as part of lot No. 70 in the 1st township of said county, and bounded as follows, viz: Beginning on the west line of said lot, in the center of the highway, and thence north 27° 30' west along the center of the road to the creek about eighteen chains thirty links to the west line of said lot, and thence north 27° 30' west along the same to the place of beginning, containing about twelve acres of land, be the same more or less, and the same is contained therein a power of sale to said mortgagor, and which said mortgage was duly recorded in the office of the County Clerk of said county, on the 15th day of February, in the year 1870, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and the said mortgage, and at page 370. And whereas, the said mortgage has been assigned and delivered to Hiram Pond, of the town of Mexico, in said county and State of New York, and the same is now owned by him, said Hiram Pond.  
And whereas, default has been made in the payment of money secured by said mortgage, and there is claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of the first publication of this notice, the sum of one hundred and thirty and ten cents (\$130.10), making due, principal and interest, the sum of one thousand and forty-seven dollars and six cents, and the said Hiram Pond, making due, principal and interest, the sum of one thousand and forty-seven dollars and six cents, at the date of the first publication of this notice.  
Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and which has been duly assigned and recorded, and pursuant to the statute in each case made and provided, the said mortgage will be sold, by public auction, to the highest bidder, at the office of A. F. Kellogg, in the village of Mexico, on the 15th day of March, at 10 o'clock of this day. Dated April 3, 1873.  
A. F. KELLOGG, Atty., Mexico, N. Y.

**EYE CUPS.**  
Spectacles rendered useless, Chronic Sore Eyes cured, and all diseases of the eye successfully treated (cure guaranteed) by the greatest invention of the age.  
**DR. J. BALL & CO'S PATENT IVORY EYE CUPS.**  
The value of the celebrated well-known Patent Eye Cups, for the restoration of sight, breaks out and blazes in the evidence of over 6,000 testimonials of cures, and recommended by more than 8,000 of our best Physicians in their practice.  
All persons wishing for full particulars certificates of cures, prices, &c., send for them to  
F. TISDALE,  
At Mexico, who is sole agent for Oswego Co.

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And dealer in  
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Keeps constantly on hand everything that is usually kept in first-class ware room from a 25 cent bracket to the richest Bedroom or Parlor Set. Also  
**COFFINS**  
AND  
**CASKETS,**  
Shrouds and everything kept by the Undertaker.  
He has just purchased a

**Ayer's Cherry Pectoral,**  
For Diseases of the Throat and Lungs, such as Coughs, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Asthma, and Consumption.  
Probably never before in the whole history of medicine, has any remedy so widely and so deeply upon the confidence of mankind, as this excellent Cherry Pectoral. It has been used for many years, and among the most of the masses of men it has become better known. Its uniform efficacy and power to cure, even the most violent forms of disease, have made it known as a reliable protector against them. While adapted to mild forms of disease, and to young children, at the same time the most effective remedy that can be given for the most violent and dangerous affections of the throat and lungs. As a pulmonary agent, it stands in every family, and is used as all are sometimes subject to colds and coughs, and the most obstinate of these affections for their cure. Although settled Consumption is thought incurable, still great numbers of cases where the disease seemed settled, have been completely cured, and the patients restored to sound health by the Cherry Pectoral. So complete is its efficacy over the disorders of the Lungs and Throat, that the most obstinate of these affections, if taken in time, will be cured by the Cherry Pectoral. Singers and Public Speakers and great protectors of the voice, who are liable to Croup, Asthma is always relieved and often wholly cured by the Cherry Pectoral. For the relief of the Liver, it is also a powerful remedy, stimulating the Liver into healthy action. For Biliousness, it is an excellent remedy, producing many truly reliable cures, without any other ailment or inconvenience. Indeed all the affections which arise from a morbid, malarious, or miasmatic poison, are cured by the Cherry Pectoral. As its name implies, it does Cure, and does not Kill. Containing neither Arsenic, Quinine, Bismuth, Zinc, nor any other mineral or poisonous substance, it is in no way injurious to any patient. The pure and simple ingredients of this medicine, and the large number of cures which it has effected, are literally beyond account, and we believe without parallel in the history of Ayer's medicine. Our price is justified by the acknowledgments we receive of the radical cures effected in obstinate cases, and where other remedies had wholly failed. Untried persons, either residing in, or traveling through, the State of New York, are invited to try the Cherry Pectoral. For the relief of the Liver, it is also a powerful remedy, stimulating the Liver into healthy action. For Biliousness, it is an excellent remedy, producing many truly reliable cures, without any other ailment or inconvenience. Indeed all the affections which arise from a morbid, malarious, or miasmatic poison, are cured by the Cherry Pectoral. As its name implies, it does Cure, and does not Kill. 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